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SUBJECT: VISIT BY OFFICIAL OF FRANKLIN MINT

1. FRANK J. FITZPATRICK, VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS FOR THE FRANKLIN MINT, PHILADELPHIA, PLANS TO TRAVEL TO FAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA DURING MONTH BEGINNING MAY 24. FITZPATRICK HOPES TO INCLUDE SRI LANKA IN HIS ITINERARY TO DISCUSS MINTING AND MANUFACTURE OF CEYLONESE COINAGE IN THE FORM OF PROOF AND BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED SPECIMAN SETS. ALL COSTS WOULD BE BORNE BY FRANKLIN MINT WHICH DESCRIBES ITSELF AS WORLD'S LARGEST PRIVATE MINT. FRANKLIN WOULD ALSO ARRANGE FOR WORLD-WIDE MARKETING WITH GSL PAID ROYALTY ON EACH SET SOLD.

2. FITZPATRICK HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR TENNEKON TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL. HE ASKS IF TENNEKON COULD SUGGEST TIME FOR MEETING DURING MAY 24 - JUNE 24 PERIOD. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP. ROBINSON

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